

SUNDAY, JULY 12, 2020

SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH • HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA

# Saint Joseph CATHOLIC CHURCH



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## MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday (Anticipated): 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:15 a.m., 9:45 a.m., 11:15 a.m., 5:00 p.m.

Weekdays: 7:00 a.m.

Saturday: 8:00 a.m.

Holy Days of Obligation: 7:00 a.m., 7:00 p.m.

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Every Saturday at 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

or by appointment with the pastor.

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Office is open Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and is closed during lunch 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Submit all bulletin announcements to [bulletin@saintjosephcc.com](mailto:bulletin@saintjosephcc.com) no later than Friday, a week prior, at 12:00 p.m.

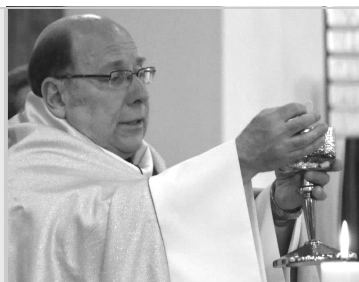


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## SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

For all inquiries, please call Carmen Amato at the parish office. For sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation, there must be at least one year of formation immediately prior to the preparation for the sacraments.

**BAPTISM.** Parents and godparents must attend a baptism preparation session before scheduling a baptism.

**MARRIAGE.** If you intend to be married at St. Joseph Church, you must be registered in the parish and be active by donating your time, talent or treasure in support of parish projects. Regular Mass attendance on Sunday and on Holy Days of Obligation is also required. Couples planning marriage should contact the parish before setting a wedding date.

**RCIA.** Adults and children of catechetical age are welcomed into the Church through a process called the Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA).

## ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call Father Joseph Lubrano at the parish office to schedule an anointing.

## FUNERALS

We have a number of people to help plan funeral liturgies and to set up funeral luncheons. Please call the parish office before contacting the funeral home to avoid scheduling conflicts.

## PARISH REGISTRATION

If you are new to our parish and wish to register, please call the parish office for the appropriate forms.

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# Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, JULY 11

8:00am: +Lloyd Root  
5:00pm: +Kathleen Kiefer

SUNDAY, JULY 12

8:15am: +Lawrence Boedecker  
9:45am: +Charles Smoot  
11:15am: For the Parish  
5:00pm: +James C. Brocato, Jr.

MONDAY, JULY 13

7:00am: +Tom Chvala

TUESDAY, JULY 14

7:00am: +Charles Smoot

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15

7:00am: Our Church

THURSDAY, JULY 16

7:00am: Analu Valverde

FRIDAY, JULY 17

7:00am: +Richard & Anne Boehme

SATURDAY, JULY 18

8:00am: +Robert Damian  
5:00pm: +Leo & Sophie Milewicz

SUNDAY, JULY 19

8:15am: For the Parish  
9:45am: The Nation  
11:15am: +Patrick H. McGraw  
5:00pm: Cathy Filippo

## PRAYER REQUESTS

We are here to pray for you!



James Hudson Miller, Janice Mazikowski, Marie McCune, George Franklin, Debi Royer, James McGee, David Miller, Barbara Brodeur, Carolyn Wingenter, Zanetta Brown, Teresa Gregory, Rachel Johnson, Faye Fletcher, Batchelder Family, Stachura Family, Sayre Family, Richard Wertz, Maddie Clearly, John Rourk, Jr., Cindy Morales, Richard Chandler, John & Linda Dimmock, Sharon Vandurn, George Wertz, Dollie Jackson, Josephine Stratton, Katherine Algie, Ralph & Helen Kissel, Dan Vandergrift, Marrison Lefebzre, John Howard, Lisa Andrews, Sondra Adams, Judi Trygg, Marianna Young, Cecilia Hall, Deacon Mike Rooney, Antonio Beltran, Ramona Hallit, Sarah Garoppo, Traci Moore, Lola Light, Rene Gonzalez, Bernice Geigel, Mary, Jane and Dena Bell, Juliana Goode, Marie Basta, Savannah Ponder, Clayton Gatewood, David Boren, Richard Brown, Richard Wagner, Harold Jones, Cathy Filippo, Jena Lanzell, Charlotte Johnson and Joseph Boren.

**Note**

If you wish to add someone to the prayer list, please contact Renate at the parish office. When that person recovers, please call again to remove their name so that others can be put on the list.

Thank you, Fr. Joe

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

I hope you had an enjoyable 4<sup>th</sup> of July, even with all the restrictions of social distancing and the like. I came across a meditation from **The Word Among Us** (May 15,2020) that I thought was particularly good. It is a meditation on *John 15:12-17* and in particular the quote . . . “This is my commandment: love one another as I have loved you.”

The meditation follows:

It’s difficult to imagine how we could ever love one another the way Jesus loves us. How could divine love compare to the way we humans try to love one another? But Jesus was both human and divine. He showed us in concrete, very human ways to love. So, if we want to follow this commandment, let’s look at what love looked like in his life.

Jesus’ love is **unconditional**. Think of the Samaritan woman at the well or the chief tax collector Zacchaeus (*John 4:1-12; Luke 19:1-10*). Jesus didn’t withhold his love until they reformed their lives. He knew that it was an encounter with his love that would spur them to change. So, to love as Jesus loves means loving people as they are, even as we try to gently lead them to the Lord.

Jesus’ love is **merciful**. Look at how he treated the woman caught in adultery or the woman with the alabaster jar who anointed him (*John 8:3-11; Luke 7:36-50*). Look at how he forgave Pewter’s threefold denial of him (*John 21:15-17*). Jesus even forgave his persecutors from the cross (*Luke 23:34*). Loving other people means being merciful toward them, just as we hope they will be merciful to us. It means letting Jesus’ mercy soften our hearts so that we are ready to forgive the hurts and sins that may come our way.

Jesus’ love is **sacrificial**. He traveled from place to place with nowhere to lay his head (*Luke 9:58*). He endured the opposition of the religious leaders. He “resolutely determined to journey to Jerusalem,” knowing that he was going to lay down his life on the cross to save us (*Luke 9:51*). Jesus shows us that love will involve sacrifice. It means putting other people’s needs ahead of our own, even – and especially – when it hurts to do so.

Loving the way Jesus loves us isn’t easy. Fortunately, we not only have Jesus’ human example to show us what divine love looks like; we also have his presence in our hearts. As we daily open ourselves to his grace, we will find ourselves ever more willing and able to follow his way of love.

**“Jesus, help me to love other people the way you love me.”**

I hope you have found this meditation relevant, especially at this time. It appears most people are so on edge because of the Pandemic and all that goes with it. I believe that we need to work harder at being more compassionate, merciful, and loving to each other. That is my hope and daily prayer for each of us, myself included.

You are in my daily thoughts and prayers. May God bless you with the very best.

*Always in the Savior, Fr. Joe*



**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday	Isaiah 1:10-17 Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23 Matthew 10:34-11:1	Friday	Isaiah 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8 Ps Isaiah 38:10, 11, 12abcd, 16 Matthew 12:1-8
Tuesday	Isaiah 7:1-9 Ps 48:2-3a, 3b-4, 5-8 Matthew 11:20-24	Saturday	Micah 2:1-5 Ps 10:1-4, 7-8, 14 Matthew 12:14-21
Wednesday	Isaiah 10:5-7, 13b-16 Ps 94:5-10, 14-15 Matthew 11:25-27	Sunday	Wisdom 12:13, 16-19 Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16 Romans 8:26-27 Matthew 13:24-43 or 13:24-30
Thursday	Isaiah 26:7-9, 12, 16-19 Ps 102:13-14ab, 15-18, 19-21 Matthew 11:28-30		

**A REMINDER** We will continue to have two extra weekend Masses and videotaping the Sunday Mass through the month of July. At the end of July, we will re-evaluate if the need is still present.

To accommodate all our parishioners, those attending the 9:45 a.m. Sunday Mass are required to wear a mask. Please bring a mask from home. If you do not want to wear a mask, please attend one of the other Masses— 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, or 8:15a.m., 11:15 a.m. or 5:00 p.m. on Sunday. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

*Fr. Joe*

**SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT** You are invited to come by the convent on July 18 from 9:00 a.m. to noon and look at what is left in the convent. If you want anything, take it and leave a donation for the Building Fund.

If you read last weekend’s bulletin or checked out the parish website, you know that the convent will be torn down and replaced with a columbarium.

Please come by and find a memento of days gone by. This structure has had many lives as a rectory, a Religious Education Center and a convent. It is the end of an era and a new beginning.

**PLANS FOR COLUMBARIUM AT ST. JOSEPH PARISH**

The building on the southeast corner of the church parking lot, informally known as the “convent,” has not been occupied since Sister Joan and Sister Jean Marie, our Salvatorian Sisters, returned to Milwaukee, Wisconsin in 2018. The building is scheduled to be razed in the next two months.

Several suggestions for the future use of this site have been made. After some consideration, and in consultation with the St. Joseph Campus Modernization Committee and the Parish Finance Committee, I have decided that we will use the site for a parish columbarium. For those not familiar with the term “columbarium,” it is a structure consisting of a series of niches along a wall to accommodate the cremated remains of the dead. The columbarium on our parish grounds will provide a peaceful, intimate setting for prayerful remembrance of loved ones, which will be accessible at any time.

We have a benefactor who has expressed an interest in funding the initial phases of the columbarium in honor of the Society of the Divine Savior (Salvatorians) and Father Gary New, S.D.S.

We will continue to provide you with information as this project unfolds.

*Fr. Joe*

**SANCTUARY FLOWERS**



If you would like to make a donation to seasonal flower arrangements, please call the parish office at 256-534-8459.

**WEEKLY OFFERING**

Regular Collection	\$ 8,308.00
Other Designated Funds	\$ 2,760.00

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE**

*The current liturgical schedule, which runs from April 4 to July 26, 2020, is posted on the church website. However, because of our new expanded Mass schedule and attendance restrictions, we will be adjusting the number of ministers required at each Mass as we prepare the next schedule beginning on August 2.*

# Religious Education

## Formation and Catechesis

### CALENDAR

#### 1st COMMUNION

Our next Celebration of 1st Communion will take place on July 25 at 10:00 a.m.

**Note: These celebrations will only be open to the families of the First Communicants. We ask you to pray for the children and their families during this special time.**

July 23 4:00 p.m.  
Readers practice for 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Church

July 25 10:00 a.m.  
1<sup>st</sup> Communion Mass Church

Congratulations to the following youth who celebrated First Communion on July 11! May the Body of Christ fortify and bless:

**Aiden Alex Amber Axel Kaitlyn  
Nicholas Rosemary Sherlynn Yoshary**



As you know, Most Reverend Steven John Raica, J.C.D., was installed as the fifth bishop of Birmingham in Alabama on June 23, 2020, replacing the retiring Robert J. Baker, S.T.D.

Since all official correspondence from Bishop Raica will include his personal coat of arms, we thought you might like to know a little bit about its composition and origins.

When a bishop is appointed to lead a diocese, the coat of arms is composed of several key elements. The primary element is the shield with its charges. From the viewpoint of the one behind the armor, the sides or impalements of the shield are labeled dexter (right) and sinister (left).

Bishop Raica's coat of arms, as the fifth Bishop of Birmingham, now has the Diocese of Birmingham's arms in the dexter impalement. As is custom, the diocese's arms include elements from the city after which Birmingham was named: Birmingham, England.

The five lozenges and the cross of St. Chad from the metropolitan cathedral of the Archdiocese of Birmingham, England were

incorporated into the arms as was the upright sword, a symbol of St. Paul, patron of the Diocese of Birmingham in Alabama.

Another defining part of the coat of arms is the bishop's motto, which is traditionally written in Latin on a scroll below the shield.

When a bishop is ordained, the Church asks them to declare a motto and design a coat of arms. The purpose of the motto is to reflect the bishop's beliefs and convictions within the Christian faith.

Bishop Raica's motto, *Sursum Corda*, ("Lift up your hearts" or literally, "Lifted hearts") is the opening dialogue to the Preface of the Eucharistic Prayer. The dialogue dates to the earliest liturgies of the Christian Church. St. Cyprian saw the *Sursum Corda* as the expression of the mood in which the Christian should always properly begin every prayer. For St. Augustine, these words are the expression of the true Christian attitude, much the same as St. Paul's admonition to those who have risen with Christ. Since our head is in heaven, so too then must our hearts be. It is through God's grace that we are with Him, and the consciousness of this, as expressed in the common response of the faithful, is precisely what urges the priest (or bishop) on in his own prayer.

## Here Is What's Happening This Week

#### SATURDAY, JULY 18

9:00am-12:00pm Convent Content Sale

**There will be no scheduled parish events, activities or meetings until further notice.**

#### Facilities Key

FMC = Messmer Center/Gym  
SFH = St. Francis Hall  
SJC = St. Joseph Church  
LMR/LIB = RE Center  
BEA = Beasley Hall  
STA = St. Thomas Aquinas Chapel  
BRZWY = Breezeway